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December 03, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

# **ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

67-A December 3, 2013

SACHI A HAMAI

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPOINTMENT AND SALARY FOR INSPECTOR GENERAL (UC)
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

#### **SUBJECT**

Recommendation to appoint and set the salary for Max Huntsman to serve as Inspector General for the County of Los Angeles.

(3 VOTES)

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve the recommendation to appoint Max Huntsman to the position of Inspector General at an annual salary of \$204,423.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to appoint Max Huntsman as the Inspector General and to set an appropriate salary.

Mr. Huntsman will report directly to the Board of Supervisors and will oversee the newly created Office of Inspector General. He will be responsible for providing independent oversight and monitoring of the Sheriff's Department operations which include reviewing and making policy recommendations to the Board on highly complex and sensitive issues, such as the condition of the jails, inmate complaint process, allegations of misconduct, quality audits and inspections and use of force by Department personnel.

Mr. Huntsman has more than 20 years of experience as a prosecutor for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's (DA) Office. In his most recent assignment as the Assistant Head Deputy of the

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Public Integrity Division, Mr. Huntsman has overseen complex investigations and prosecuted official misconduct involving cases throughout the County of Los Angeles. He has tried over fifty jury trials, six within the area of public corruption, and two in the area of police use-of-force. He first joined the DA's Office in 1991 and has held numerous positions in the office including positions in the Justice System Integrity Division, and the Special Investigations Division. As a member of the Public Integrity Division, he conducted major public corruption investigations against the City of Bell and the City of Vernon.

He has extensive experience in investigating and prosecuting police misconduct cases, major real estate fraud cases, and other matters related to the justice system. In addition, he has supervisory experience in the Public Integrity Division and Real Estate Fraud Unit.

Mr. Huntsman is a graduate of Yale Law School and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Salary Placement

The recommended salary placement for Mr. Huntsman onto the Management Appraisal and Performance Plan Tier 1 Salary Range R18 is appropriate based on his expertise and years of experience as an investigator and prosecutor.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of this recommendation will further the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness to enhance the quality and productivity of the County workforce.

# Strategic Asset Management Principles Compliance

Not applicable.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended salary will be paid from existing funds set aside in the Provisional Financing Uses budget.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The appointment of Mr. Huntsman to the position of Inspector General will satisfy the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence recommendation that the Board of Supervisors create an independent Office of Inspector General and appoint an Inspector General. In addition, the recommended salary will provide the appropriate compensation to Mr. Huntsman to perform the duties of Inspector General.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Not applicable.

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# **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Not applicable.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Implementation of this recommendation will provide the necessary oversight and monitoring of the Department and its jails.

Respectfully submitted,

**WILLIAM T FUJIOKA** 

Chief Executive Officer

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

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